



# News Release

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## Iowa Milk Production

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in December 2009 totaled 376 million pounds, up 3.6 percent from December 2008. The average number of milk cows, 215,000 head, was unchanged from December 2008. Production per cow averaged 1,750 pounds, up 60 pounds from November 2008.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 0.8 percent from December 2008. November revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was down 0.8 percent from November 2008. The November revision

represented an increase of 24 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,758 pounds for December, 29 pounds above December 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 206,000 head less than December 2008, and unchanged from November 2009.

**Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, December 2008-2009**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Change from 2008
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
AZ	190	168	1,980	1,995	376	335	-10.9
CA	1,840	1,764	1,870	1,860	3,441	3,281	-4.6
CO	130	116	1,940	1,930	252	224	-11.1
FL	118	112	1,520	1,565	179	175	-2.2
ID	554	550	1,820	1,840	1,008	1,012	0.4
IL	102	101	1,580	1,600	161	162	0.6
IN	167	169	1,650	1,660	276	281	1.8
IA	<b>215</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>3.6</b>
KS	124	115	1,740	1,785	216	205	-5.1
MI	354	354	1,850	1,895	655	671	2.4
MN	467	469	1,605	1,650	750	774	3.2
MO	109	103	1,270	1,230	138	127	-8.0
NM	335	318	1,975	2,015	662	641	-3.2
NY	625	610	1,640	1,675	1,025	1,022	-0.3
OH	276	272	1,510	1,550	417	422	1.2
OR	115	114	1,590	1,625	183	185	1.1
PA	548	538	1,580	1,620	866	872	0.7
TX	430	411	1,715	1,795	737	738	0.1
UT	85	83	1,765	1,765	150	146	-2.7
VT	139	134	1,525	1,545	212	207	-2.4
VA	97	95	1,495	1,525	145	145	0.0
WA	244	243	1,900	1,945	464	473	1.9
WI	1,255	1,259	1,635	1,700	2,052	2,140	4.3
23-State Total <sup>3</sup>	8,519	8,313	1,729	1,758	14,728	14,614	-0.8

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> As of February 2009, the 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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